

The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Thursday the 16th March 1922, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR AVargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Communal representation in the Engineering staff of certain district boards.

1371 Q.—Munshi MUHAMMAD ABUR-RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the number of—

(a) Engineers and assistant engineers, and

(b) Overseers and sub-overseers,

in active service under the district boards of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Gōdāvari, Kistna, Guntūr, Nellore and Chittoor, as it stood on 31st December 1921 under the following classes :—

(a) Brahmins,

(b) Muhammadans,

(c) Christians, and

(d) other non-Brahmins?

A.—The Quarterly Civil List for Madras corrected up to the 1st January 1922 contains the names of the engineers and the assistant engineers employed under the several district boards. The Government have no further information.

Report of Mr. Martin regarding forest exploitation.

1372 Q.—Mr. O. TANIKACHALA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether in connexion with the report made by Mr. Martin in respect of forest exploitation—

(a) any money was spent as capital expenditure;

(b) and if so, how much up to the date of his report;

(c) whether any further money was spent after his report; if any money has been spent before or after his report, whether the same is covered by any specified items of budget grant made in 1921–22 and sanctioned by the Legislative Council;

(d) if they are not covered by any specified items, from what sources the funds were drawn; and

(e) whether any portion of the money spent in connexion with Mr. Martin's investigation was spent before 1st April 1921?